



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-372-F)

PATENT

In re Application of: Welch et al.)
Serial No.: 09/927,850) Before the Examiner: J. Andres
Filed: August 10, 2001) Group Art Unit: 1646
For: Interferon-Like Molecules)
and Uses Thereof)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 23, 2002

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence:

- (a) as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5; or
- (b) encoded by the DNA insert in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-976.

2. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising:

- (a) an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 6, optionally further comprising an amino-terminal methionine;
- (b) an amino acid sequence that is at least about 70 percent identical to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5, wherein the polypeptide upon exposure to mammalian cells,